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Current quarantine measures.

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, June 2, 1897.]

RUSSIA.—In consequence of a circular issued by the Customs Department May 13, antiplague serum, brought by private parties from abroad, shall be passed by the customs officers only on certification as to the origin of the serum, and when it shall be shown that it was obtained by the holders from an institution recognized by the commission. At the present time, the only establishment recognized is the Pasteur Institute.

By agreement between the commission and the minister of the interior, the following measures have been instituted to prevent the introduction of plague :

1. Letters, packages, printed matter, and business papers shall be subject to disinfection by means of a steam current.

2. Letters and packages of declared value, which are rejected by the Russian post-office authorities, shall be returned to the places from which they were sent.

3. The same regulation shall hold good for all such packages arriving from infected places from which importation is prohibited.

4. Disinfection shall be performed on the western frontier at Wirballen, Alexandrovo, Graniza, Wolotschisk, and Radsivilow ; also at Odessa, Sebastopol, Batoum, Baku, and Vladivostock ; on the Persian border at Dschulfa and Haudan, and on the Chinese border at Troizkosawsk. Mail and postal packages arriving from abroad at St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw, Riga, Mitau, and Libau, must be sent to the post station in these cities for disinfection.

5. As evidence of the regulations having been complied with, every letter or package shall be stamped with the word "disinfected."

The postal officials of British India have been requested by telegraph to inform the senders of correspondence not to send articles by post that may be injured by exposure to a steam current.

BELGIUM.—By ministerial order of May 21 the royal order of April 5, 1897, is amended as follows: "Kipskin may be admitted to importation and transportation even when arriving from infected localities."

HONGKONG.—The colonial government has declared Swatow to be infected and forbidden the importation from there of coolie labor.

BARBADOS.

Quarantine against smallpox and yellow fever.

BARBADOS, June 12, 1897.

SIR: In consequence of the prevalence of smallpox at Manaos, Brazil, and yellow fever at Colon, those places have been declared infected within the provisions of the quarantine act of this island. Quarantine is also in force here against Rio de Janeiro, Pernambuco, Para, Panama, Teneriffe, and Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. The public health of this island is unusually good.

Yours, etc.,

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